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## Fergusson Pushes Bill To Sink Wells On Desert Lands.

Washington, D. C., June 10.—Congressman H. B. Fergusson, of New Mexico, is vigorously pushing before the committee on irrigation and public lands a bill to encourage and promote the sinking of wells on desert lands in New Mexico.

In explaining his bill recently before a meeting of the committee, Mr. Fergusson said in part: "The primary object of the bill No. 24074, introduced by me, is to allow any person who will sink a well and procure water on any non-mineral, unreserved, or unappropriated public desert land of the state of New Mexico, the right to acquire a patent to the forty acres inclosing such well, provided he will sink such well at least fifty feet and obtain water."

"The first result of this bill will be the prospecting of land absolutely unsuitable, as far as demonstrated, for agricultural purposes or for irrigation, and will induce cattle and sheep men in regions where they cannot graze cattle and sheep now because of lack of water—it will induce the grazing men to prospect for water, and proposes to reward them for the expense incurred in producing water on grazing lands now absolutely inaccessible to the herds because of lack of water. Should water be found at less than 100 feet in depth, it has been demonstrated, at least in New Mexico, that in many places water will come up to within a few feet of the surface that is not strictly artesian, and in five or six different places in New Mexico where it is not necessary to pump water from a further depth than fifty or sixty feet, little farms have been irrigated from these wells and agriculture largely promoted. I might mention the Mimbres valley in New Mexico, around Deming, where there are more than 100 farms on land that was formerly fit only for grazing, and fit only for grazing where water was accessible within a 5-mile or 6-mile drive. By accident, it was found that water in inexhaustible quantities could be pumped from wells and farms could be created. So that if the cattleman or sheepman sinks a well and has to go 100 feet or more for water, he cannot, by pumping, irrigate anything, because the pumping would be too expensive, but he can afford, for the sake of reach-

ing the rich grass, to spend all that is necessary in sinking to a great depth and in pumping from a greater depth in order to get and make valuable for his herds, either cattle or sheep, the grazing lands."

## Reports of Race Riot Greatly Exaggerated.

That several men, or boys, as the case might be, did fire a number of shots about the house where several negro families dwell in South Clovis is true but that the sentiment of the town is favorable to such lawlessness is not true. It would seem that several parties probably from country came into town on Saturday night and for want of some excitement went down to where the negroes are quartered and discharged their guns several times then probably mounted their horses and escaped from the scene. Several officers appeared a short time after the incident had occurred but a diligent search on their part probably failed in taking the parties wanted. Four men were arrested, however, and lodged in jail, but it was found that each could give an account of himself at the affair and each was released.

The news sent out to the effect that a race riot had occurred at Clovis brought forth a great display of State and Santa Fe officers, among whom were Mounted Policemen Alexander Street, John Collier, Captain Fred Fohr, and others. They were, however, convinced that there was no disposition on the part of the people of Clovis to aid or sympathize with the offenders, and the matter subsided.

The intimidating and dominant manner of one of the Santa Fe officers in criticizing the court for not arresting every other man in town came near causing more serious trouble than the negro problem.

## Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Hold Memorial Exercises

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will hold memorial exercises at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Special program has been prepared.

Mrs. W. W. Flenniken returned to her home in Amarillo, Texas, after a three weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Chapman of this place.

## The Three Year Law Will Mean Much to All

The public at large was very much elated last week when word came the new three year homestead bill had been signed by the president. This bill had been watched for some time with much eagerness by almost the entire west. And its passage and enactment into law gladdened the hearts of thousands of homesteaders when they realized that two years of residence had been taken from the five-year sentence on the claim, and they were also allowed the privilege to leave the claim five months in each year and would not have to make up the absence in the end as the case is in other absences.

This new law will undoubtedly be the means of bringing thousands of people here who would never have come otherwise. It would be hard to estimate the real value it will be to this state for its good effects will not only be felt and appreciated by the homesteader, but by the public at large. It will help all lines of business and each individual. It will bring more people and more money into our country. During the next few months it is expected that, in this immediate territory, there will be hundreds of homesteaders make proof on their claims, and after the land is deeded, some of course will be put on the market which will bring more investors and people who have money. Others will borrow money on their land and use the money to good advantage as for buying stock, tools, irrigation plants and many of the necessities of the successful farmer, which they have not been able to secure heretofore. The fact that many of the farmers here have had no money and no means of getting any, has been one of the worst handicaps they have had. It takes cash to make the farm here a success as well as in other states.

As to the cheap relinquishments over the country, they will not last long, for under the new law, holding a claim and securing title to same will be an easy task and profitable business. This is a fact that will readily be seen by everyone and those who have never fled will lose no time in picking up all these cheap relinquishments.

Judge McClure of Roswell was in the city this week.

## Several Fine Rains During Past Week.

Several fine rains have visited Eastern New Mexico the past week. All combined, giving the country a thorough soaking. From all reports the rain was general and covered the greater part of this section of the state. While crops in general were not suffering for rain, the rain will be of great benefit to all growing crops, and especially to the small grain crops which are just now in the critical stage. The prospects for a good yield of wheat and oats this season have been very flattering all along, but now with the recent rains, an extra heavy crop is practically assured. All other crops are now rapidly coming on and there is enough moisture in the ground to keep them growing far on toward maturity.

There have never been better prospects for a general good crop in this part of the state than we now have. Its true test to several years ago, at this time of year, there was as much moisture in the ground as there is now, but at that time everything was new. The farmers were not acquainted with the country, its climate, the soil, crops best adapted here, best methods of dry farming and many other bits of valuable information they have been storing away all these years of dry seasons. The excellent crops grown here during the first years of settlement, when an average amount of rain fell, will be remembered by all the old settlers. And if such crops could be grown then by the farmers with their primitive methods, what should we expect now, with the same amount of rainfall, with all the experience gained these years and all the modern farm tools and methods of dry farming.

## Start Near Lubbock On Colman Cut-Off.

Burk McWhirter of Lubbock, was a business visitor in Amarillo yesterday afternoon, bringing with him information that work on the Texico-Coleman cut-off of the Santa Fe had practically begun with the setting of the slope stakes near Lubbock, yesterday.

News of actual construction on this important line is deemed of great importance not only to the Lubbock people, but to the citizenship of the entire South Plains country.

It is deemed practically certain that the work will be pushed from this time forward to steady completion. —Amarillo News.

## Frisco will Run over S. F.

Announcement has recently been made that within a comparatively short time Frisco trains will be running through Clovis from St. Louis to the Pacific Coast, according to the traffic agreement which was entered into by officials of the Frisco and Santa Fe systems about a year ago. Since the agreement was made, all the necessary details have been completed and the announcement that service will commence in a very short time is the fulfillment of a hope of long standing. The Frisco will switch its trains to the Santa Fe tracks at Wynoka, Okla., and will proceed over the tracks of that company through New Mexico, using the Bolen cut-off. From Bolen all trains will, for the present run into Albuquerque and west over the

main line from that city. The number of additional trains that will be necessitated by this arrangement has not been made public yet.

In addition to this increased passenger service through Clovis, the announcement is made that the Santa Fe will complete the Coleman cut-off without delay and that this line will be turned over to the operating department at the earliest possible moment.

This line will open to the Santa Fe and this section of the country especially all of the freight traffic from Galveston and the Gulf coast country.

—Roswell News.

## A Brilliant Wedding

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock, June 10th, the marriage of Miss Emma Norris Brady of Lexington, Ky. and Arthur R. Miller of Pittsburg, Pa., was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitcomb, by Rev. Shore, pastor of the Christian church of Hereford, Texas.

The musical program arranged for the wedding was one of unusual beauty and very impressive. The bride and groom proceeded from another room through the hall to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Fannie Howell to the parlor which was prettily decorated in flowers, potted plants and foliage, where the Minister stood beneath a bower of flowers and foliage. During the ceremony Miss Ethel Howell softly sang that tender little song, "I love you dearly." The ring ceremony was used.

The bride was handsomely gowned in an exquisite white brocaded satin trimmed in Baby Irish lace and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She wore a white hat trimmed in French plumes and tips. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the La Quivera.

A few of the most intimate friends were present, Mesdames Skarda, Oldham, Shipley, Howell, Bradfield, Misses Howell, Goodwin, Bradfield, Mr. and Mrs. Craige of Texico, and Master Vernon Hunter.

The newly wedded couple took the 10 o'clock train for Chicago, Montreal, Quebec, Cambridge, to Atlanta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will make their home at Collinsville, Pa.

## Ritter-Simcox

At the First Baptist church a beautiful wedding ceremony was performed Tuesday evening when Miss Roseanna Simcox became the bride of Mr. J. Harry Ritter, of Clovis, N. M. For the occasion the church was elaborately decorated in potted plants and cut flowers. Immediately at 7:30 o'clock to the strains of the wedding march as played by Miss Fay, the bridal

party entered the church. First came the ushers who were Messrs. Wagner, Hunt, Harley Webb, Chas. O'Connor and Roy Burnett. Next came the bride's maids Misses Marie and Mamie Simcox sisters of the bride. Then came the little flower girls, Misses Mildred and Wilma Simcox, nieces of the bride. The bride entered the church with her brother, Mr. Thos. Simcox who gave her away. The groom and best man, Mr. Otto Kohlbase, entered from the pastor's study and met the bride at the altar where Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D. LL. D., pastor of the church, united them as husband and wife. The ring ceremony being used. The bride was attractively gowned in an elegant gown of white satin with real lace trimmings and chiffon roses and carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The bride's maids wore marquisette over pink satin and carried pink roses. The little flower girls also wore white and carried sweet peas. Miss Simcox is an attractive young lady. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Simcox, of Oak Hill avenue.

Mr. Ritter formerly lived in Knoxville. For the past several months he has been in Clovis, New Mexico, where he is connected with a bank. After spending a few days in the city with relatives and friends they will leave for Clovis where they will make their future home. —Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal.

## Methodist Church

Washington and Giddings Sts.  
Columbus A. Clark, Pastor.  
Phone 75.  
Sunday School 9:30 A. M.  
Fred G. Belschner, Supt.  
Junior League 3 P. M., Mrs. L. E. Tripp, Supt.  
Epworth League 6:30 P. M., Earl E. Forbes, President.  
Woman's Missionary Council each Wednesday at 3 P. M., Mrs. D. D. Swearingin, President.  
Prayer and social meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30, service for all the people, led by a layman.  
The public cordially invited to attend these services.  
Columbus A. Clark, pastor.

## Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.  
Regular Services 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
Junior B. Y. P. U., 2:00 p. m.  
Senior B. Y. P. U., 7:00 p. m.  
All are welcomed to all the services of the day.  
S. B. Calloway, Pastor.

## Brethren's Church.

Services at the Brethren church, North Thornton Street each Lord's Day.  
Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Busy Worker's meeting for children at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.  
Christian Workers meeting 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching 8:00  
Prayer Training class and Prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M.

## Shallow Water Lands

In Black Water Draw of Bailey County, Texas, on the Santa Fe Cut-Off from San Francisco to Galveston. Hurley, Texas, is located in this tract.

65,000 acres irrigated and subject to irrigation. Water from 10 to 35 feet. Have been selling lands situated in this tract for the last three and one half years, therefore we are in a position to know where the bargains are and can give you the benefit of same. Have eight irrigation wells in operation at present time and more going in as fast as possible. Wells furnishing, according to pumps, from 380 to 1850 gallons per minute. Construction work of the Santa Fe cut-off will start in the near future. Come while you can get bargains in these lands, as the prices of same are advancing.

Having a fine list of the above lands at present time, and some fine bargains. We ask that you do not delay, if you want to get in on the ground floor. Cooperation desired. Auto service to these lands from Friona, Texas.

Buy your ticket to Friona. If possible, advise day or so before starting, so that we may meet you. Wire, phone or write us.

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